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of U.S. Appl. No. 09/680,687  
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Re: Application of **Kazuo AKAGAMI** and **Tomoyuki AIZAWA**  
**BEARING APPARATUS OF SEALING TYPE**  
Assignee: **NSK LTD.**  
Our Ref: **Q76570**

Dear Sir:

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This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 24 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3682.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

-- This is a divisional of Application No. 09/680,687 filed October 6, 2000; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. --

Priority is claimed from:

Country	Application No	Filing Date
Japan	P. Hei. 11-287921	October 8, 1999
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The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/680,687.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>3</u> - 20 =	x	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
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Base Fee				\$750.00

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A check for the statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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